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These Days The Flood of Attack

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ON THE Soviet South Asian service in English, Viktorov, a Soviet commentator, on May 14, said:

"In their own country the U.S. ruling circles have every right to allow a hysteria that unattractive ornament of the American way of life. But to make gangsterism a standard of international relations is an insult to the peoples, espionage and a defiance of the most elementary principles of human morality. No one has freed the United States from the obligation to submit to the existing standards of international law and no one will free it of this obligation, just as no society will consent to legalizing banditry no matter how much the criminal may claim that banditry is necessary for him."

IT IS a psychological curiosity that no one sees himself as others see him. Soviet Russia has regularly engaged in espionage as Henry Cabot Lodge pointed out in inadequate detail before the United Nations. It is, of course, axiomatic that two wrongs do not make a right; nevertheless, how does a country manage without espionage?



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It is possible to ignore Khrushchey and to wait until a bomb or a missile knocks us out.

Unquestionably the Russians were and are still startled that an American plane could pierce the Soviet empire for perhaps 1800 miles before it was found. As Gromyko asked, What would we say if a Russian plane reached Chicago, Detroit or San Francisco? We would say that our defenses are not in order. Congressional committees would vie with each other to find out who is responsible for the failure and it undoubtedly would become a campaign issue.

IN THIS same broadcast—always official—it is proposed:

The summit conference will be successful only if it is able to continue the sharp about-face in international relations which began to be evident after the meetings of Nikita Khrushchey with Prime Minister Macmillan, President Eisenhower, and President de Gaulle. But for that to take place the U.S. political leaders must resolutely renounce those brutal, old-war methods that have been so markedly evident especially in recent weeks, and can only renounce them, but back it up by concrete deeds.

This statement of a rhy shows that before Khrushchey killed the summit con-

ference on May 17, the Soviet radio was already preparing world opinion for its collapse and blaming the United States for it.

ACCORDING to the Russian report, Francis Gary Powers, the plane pilot, said:

"In accordance with the contract which was signed by me with the CIA of the United States, I am pilot of the Special Air Detachment of the United States dealing with the collection of information about operational raid stations and radar on the territory of the U. S. S. R. (and I suppose, about locations of rockets).

"Our air detachment is permanently located at the U. S. Turkish air base, Incirlik, near the city of Adana, Turkey. I have been serving in this detachment since August 1956, and each year flew several times in a special U-2 high-altitude plane along the borders of the U. S. S. R. with Turkey, Iran, and Afghanistan. Besides, in 1956-1957 I made three or four flights over the Black Sea without crossing the (word indistinct) state borders of the U. S. S. R. It is difficult for me to recall the number of such flights, but I flew repeatedly."

If this is true, many flights were made over Russia. If this is so, and it appears to be, why did Russia select this pilot to make such a fuss?

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